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Declaration of the Customs Co-operation Council concerning harmonization/computerization of Customs procedures and a strategy for the 21st century (Washington Declaration)

Note by the ECE secretariat

1. At its seventy-third and seventy-fourth sessions in Washington in 1989, the Customs Co-operation Council adopted a Declaration concerning further simplification, standardization and harmonization of Customs procedures, stressing in particular the growing importance of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) in international trade procedures and the necessity for Customs administrations to keep up with advancing trade volume and technology.

2. The Washington Declaration is mainly intended for identifying the role of the Customs Co-operation Council in the years to come and the tasks to be undertaken by its Permanent Technical Committee and ADP Sub-Committee. However, it contains provisions which are of direct interest to international trade facilitation.

3. The text of the Washington Declaration is reproduced herewith for the information of the international trade community.

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Declaration of the Customs Co-operation Council concerning harmonization/computerization of Customs procedures and a strategy for the 21st century (Washington Declaration)

NOTING that progress has been made towards achievement of international uniformity in the classification of goods (the Harmonized System), in Customs valuation (the GATT Valuation Code), in Customs procedures (Kyoto Convention) and in enforcement (Nairobi Convention),

RECOGNIZING that one of the principal objectives of the CCC is to secure the highest degree of harmony and uniformity in Customs systems,

REALIZING that the Ottawa Declaration provides for standardization, simplification and harmonization of Customs processes, procedures and documents,

RECOGNIZING that the major members of the international trade community are committed to replacing paper with electronic information management and that Customs administrations have to follow suit,

NOTING the important role of Customs administrations in facilitating, monitoring, reporting on, and controlling the movement of world trade,

REALIZING that by the year 2000 Customs administrations which still rely on paper records might be able to maintain their role in world trade only with increasing difficulties and risks,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the CCC is already working on many different areas that relate to the request for more standardization and automation,

FURTHER acknowledging that Customs administrations vary in their ability to adapt to modern data management technologies, and that more needs to be done to ensure that Customs administrations keep up with advancing trade volume and technology;

THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNTIL,

DECLARES that the Council should immediately undertake a comprehensive, structured, co-ordinated initiative in the area of simplification, standardization and harmonization of Customs procedures,

DECLARES further, insofar as automation is concerned, that the Council should,

(1) evaluate, and keep Members informed of, the impact of new developments,

(2) provide advice and guidance and launch special programmes for those Members still dependent on paper records to assist them in streamlining current procedures, in adopting progressively automated techniques and in resolving difficulties (e.g. with electronic signatures and other legal issues),

(3) seek access for Members to additional resources to implement automation and EDI by co-operating closely with other governmental and non-governmental international organizations,

(4) urge Members now using automation to move towards adoption of full electronic data interchange, based on modular hardware that allows for efficient updating of technology,

(5) continue to take the lead, in close co-operation with the UN Economic Commission for Europe, in promoting and enlarging EDIFACT as a standard for the electronic interchange of Customs information among its Members, international organizations and other participants in international trade,

(6) identify standard Customs requirements for EDI in all international fora,

(7) stress the importance of working closely with commerce and transport organizations at the national and international level in promoting EDI initiatives,

(8) help to develop and promote affordable, routine electronic exchanges between and among traders and Customs organizations,

(9) identify Members' training needs in automation and seek to arrange for this training with the assistance, where necessary, of Member administrations and other international organizations, and

(10) assist Members in enhancing their enforcement efforts by employing EDI.

DECIDES that, given the number, complexity and variety of Customs procedures in existence worldwide, the development of guidelines or harmonized procedural frameworks should be pursued in addition to existing standards,

DIRECTS that, having regard to the resources available and the priorities set out in the Plan for the 90's,

1. the Permanent Technical Committee should undertake a new task of standardization and go beyond the Kyoto Convention in this area, while building on the foundation laid in that Convention, and

2. the ADP Sub-Committee should develop concrete workplans for the tasks in automation described above,

INSTRUCTS the Secretary General to take such further steps as may be necessary to implement this Declaration.

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UNITED NATIONS TRADE DATA ELEMENTS DIRECTORY (UNTDED)

List of amended and additional data elements to be included in UNTDED

Note by the secretariat

1. The 1990.1 amendment to the United Nations Trade Data Elements Directory (UNTDED) is enclosed with the present Note which is issued for the information of users of the Directory.

2. It reflects amendments and additions requested by organizations participating in trade facilitation work or representing users of the Directory, in particular for use in United Nations Standard Message (UNSM) ORDERS developed in the framework of the United Nations rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT).

3. These amendments and additions were approved by the joint UN-ECE/ISO Maintenance Agency entrusted with the maintenance of the UNTDED and the International Standard ISO 7372.

4. Some additional amendments result from editorial improvements introduced by the secretariat (e.g. codes appearing as Notes to data elements have been moved to Section 5.10; the use of data elements in UNSM composites and segments has been updated in Section 2.2) or from previous minor adjustments aproved by the Directories Maintenance Reference Group.

5. Additional data elements are indicated by a plus sign (+), deleted data elements by a minus sign (-) and amended data elements by an asterisk (*), against the corresponding data element tag in the alphabetic and numeric listings. In the main list, all these data elements have been given the issue number 90.1. In addition, for amended data elements, the year of initial introduction into UNTDED, or the year (and issue number, as appropriate) of the preceding amendment, is indicated in parentheses. The "E" in front of the issue number for some data elements indicates that these are used in UNSMs.

6. The complete amended version of UNTDED is available on PC diskettes and printed version from the United Nations Sales Section, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 GENEVA 10.

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ANNEX

THE 1990.1 AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS TRADE DATA ELEMENTS DIRECTORY (UNTDED)

NEW AND AMENDED DATA ELEMENT IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER (UNTDED Section 2.1)

Article description, coded	* 7009
Delivery plan status indicator	+ 4017
Freight item amount	- 5344
Incoterms code	* 4111 1/
Lead time reference, coded	+ 2387
Measure unit specifier	* 6411 1/
Product ID function, coded	+ 4347
Response type, coded	+ 4343
Special conditions, coded	* 4183
Total charges, sender	* 5428
Transit direction, coded	+ 8101
Transit time/limits	+ 2388
Type of means of transport	- 8074
Type of means of transport	* 8178
Type of packages	* 7064
Type of packages, coded	* 7065
Weight qualifier	* 6165 1/

1/ The tags for data elements 4111 Incoterms code, 6165 Weight qualifier and 6411 Measure unit specifier replace data element tags 4110, 6153 and 6410 respectively.

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO UNTDED SECTION 2.2

		UNTDED issues	Used in UNSM Composite	Segment
*	2013 Frequency, coded	88.1	C329	SCC
*	2015 Despatch pattern code	88.1	C329	SCC
*	2017 Despatch pattern timing	88.1	C329	SCC
+	2387 Lead time reference, coded	90.1		LTM
+	2388 Transit time/limits	90.1	C277	TDT
+	4017 Delivery plan status indicator	90.1		SCC
*	4078 Handling instructions	(83)90.1		HAN
*	4079 Handling instructions, coded	(83)88.1		HAN
*	4111 Incoterms code 1/	(81)90.1		
*	4183 Special conditions, coded	(88.1)90.1		ALI
+	4343 Response type, coded	90.1		BGM
+	4347 Product ID function, coded	90.1		PIA
-	5344 Freight item amount	(81)90.1		
*	5428 Total charges, sender	(81)90.1		
*	6150 Weight	88.1	C272	EQF
*	6165 Weight qualifier 1/	(88.1)90.1	C272	EQF
*	6411 Measure unit specifier 1/	(88.1)90.1	C128	ALC
			C178	ALC
			C134	API
			C280	API
			C270	CNT
			C272	EQF
			C118	LIN
			C134	LIN
			C186	LIN
			C174	MEA
			C186	QTY
			C186	QVA
				SDQ
			C118	SID
			C134	SID
			C186	SID
*	7009 Article description, coded	(88.1)90.1	C273	IMD
*	7064 Type of packages	(83)90.1	C202	PAC
*	7065 Type of packages, coded	(88.1)90.1	C202	PAC
*	7228 Number of packages stuffed	(87)90.1		
*	7419 Hazardous material class code	88.1		HAN
*	7421 Hazardous material code list id.	88.1		HAN
-	8074 Type of means of transport	88		
+	8101 Transit direction, coded	90.1	C277	TDT
*	8114 Transport equipment id. prefix number	88.1	C271	EQF
*	8154 Unit load device size and type	(84)88.1	C224	EQF
*	8155 Unit load device size and type, coded	(81)88.1	C224	EQF
*	8178 Type of means of transport	(88.1)90.1		
*	8260 Unit load device identification number	(84)88.1		EQA
			C271	EQF

1/ The tags for data elements 4111 Incoterms code, 6165 Weight qualifier and 6411 Measure unit specifier replace data element tags 4110, 6153 and 6410 respectively.

NEW AND AMENDED DATA ELEMENTS IN UNTDED SECTION 3

2387 Lead time reference, coded — E 90.1
Desc: Code indicating lead time to a specific event
Repr: an..3

2388 Transit time/limits — E 90.1
Desc: Numeric value of transit duration or time-limits
Repr: n4

4017 Delivery plan status indicator — E 90.1
Desc: Code indicating the level of commitment of a schedule information
Repr: n1

4110 Incoterms code. Renumbered, use 4111 — 90.1

4111 Incoterms code — (81)90.1
Desc: Code to indicate applicable Incoterm under which seller undertakes to deliver merchandise to buyer
Repr: a3, UNLK L 20, P 45-48
Ref : Code for Incoterms, cf. 5.4

4183 Special conditions coded — E (88.1)90.1
Desc: Indication of a specific condition
Repr: an..2

4343 Response type, coded — E 90.1
Desc: Code specifying the type of acknowledgment required
Repr: an..2

4347 Product ID function, coded — E 90.1
Desc: Indication of the function of a product identification
Repr: an1

5344 Freight item amount. Deleted, use 5432
90.1

5428 Total charges, sender — (81)90.1
Desc: Total amount of charges payable to the carrier by the sender (CMR 20)
Repr: n..10
CMR: L 57, P 54-63
CIM: L 61, P 50-57
Note: To be associated with 6345 Currency code. No blanks or separators other than decimal comma (point) allowed

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6153 Weight qualifier. Renumbered, use 6165 — 90.1

6165 Weight qualifier — E (88.1)90.1
Desc: Code defining the type of weight
Repr: an..3

6410 Measure unit specifier. Renumbered, use 6411 — 90.1

NEW AND AMENDED DATA ELEMENTS IN UNTDED SECTION 3 (Continued)

6411 Measure unit specifier E (81)90.1
Desc: Indication of the unit of measurement in which weight (mass), capacity, length, area volume or other quantity is expressed
Repr: an..3 CIMP (601):a1; (604):a2
Ref : ISO 1000, ISO 2955, ISO 4217, cf. 5.6. CIMP codes cf 5.9, UNSM codes cf.5.10
Note: Examples: kilogram, litre, square metre, cubic metre, number
CIMP codes: Kilogram = K; Pound = L

7009 Article description, coded. E (88.1)90.1
Desc: Code from an industry code list which provides specific data about a product characteristic
Repr:an..7

7064 Type of packages E (83)90.1
Desc: Description of the form in which goods are presented
Repr: an..35 UNLK: an..17 L 28-51, P 34-51
- AWB: L 28-30 CIMP (412): an..38
- CMR: L 28-42, P 34-51 (CMR 8)
Note: Used together with 7224 Number of packages
Syn :(Kind of packages); (Method of packaging)

7065 Type of packages, coded E (88.1)90.1
Repr: an..7
-ECE/FAL Rec.21: n..4 or a2, cf.5.8
Syn : (Package classification code)

8074 Type of means of transport. Deleted, use 8178 90.1

8101 Transit direction, coded E 90.1
Desc: The point of origin and point of direction
Repr: an..3

8178 Type of means of transport (88.1)90.1
Desc: Type of means of transport being utilized (e.g. type of aircraft, type of road vehicle, type of vessel)
Repr: an..17 MAR(IMO FAL Form 1); (SAD 21): an..25
Syn :(Vessel type), (Vehicle type)

DATA ELEMENTS CODE LISTS INCLUDED IN UNTDED SECTION 5.10

0001 Syntax identifier
0057 Association assigned code
0065 Message type identifier
0073 First/last sequence message transfer indication
1001 Document name, coded
1227 Calculation sequence indicator
2013 Frequency, coded

DATA ELEMENTS WITH CODE LISTS INCLUDED IN UNTDED SECTION 5.10 (Continued)

2015 Despatch pattern code
2017 Despatch pattern timing
2387 Lead time reference, coded
3039 Party identification, coded
3121 Loader indicator, coded
3127 Carrier, coded
3207 Country, coded
3225 Place/location, coded
3229 Country sub-entity, coded
3239 Country of origin, coded
3251 Post code
3413 Department or employee, coded
3433 Financial institution, coded
4017 Delivery plan status indicator
4215 Transport charges method of payment, coded
4237 Prepaid/collect indicator code
4277 Terms of payment, coded
4343 Response type, coded
4347 Product ID function,coded
4441 Free text, coded
4443 Country relationship, coded
4493 Delivery requirements, coded
6165 Weight qualifier
6345 Currency, coded
7009 Article description, coded
7065 Type of packages, coded
7203 Short-shipped/pre-shipped indicator
7291 Documentary credit indicator
7419 Hazardous material class code
7421 Hazardous material class code list id.
8036 Returnable equipment indicator
8101 Transit direction, coded
8155 Unit load device size and type, coded
8265 Means of transport, coded

Note: Code lists for the above data elements are included in the UNTDED diskettes and published in the printed version of UNTDED.

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ABBREVIATIONS OF INCOTERMS

Revision of ECE/FAL Recommendation No.5

Note by the ECE secretariat

1. At its third session in October 1974, the Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures adopted ECE/FAL Recommendation No.5: ABBREVIATIONS OF INCOTERMS. Alphabetic code for INCOTERMS 1953. The Recommendation was based on the International Rules for the Interpretation of Trade Terms, adopted by the International Chamber of Commerce and reproduced in ICC Publication No.350. The initial list of codes for Abbreviations of INCOTERMS was included in the Trade Data Elements Directory (UNTDED) and subsequently completed by the addition of terms which came into force between 1967 and 1980.

2. In 1989 the ICC Commission on International Commercial Practice of the ICC undertook a revision of INCOTERMS in order to adapt terms to the increasing use of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and to take into consideration changed transportation techniques, particularly in "short-sea" maritime transport.

3. The revised INCOTERMS are included in ICC Publication No.460 "INCOTERMS 1990", which will enter into force on 1st July 1990. ECE/FAL Recommendation No.5 has been revised by the secretariat on the basis of the new Publication.

4. The revised Recommendation No.5, issued as document ECE/TRADE/171, is appended for the attention of authorities and organizations interested in the facilitation of international trade procedures. Additional copies of the Recommendation may be obtained from the ECE or UNCTAD/FALPRO secretariat units mentioned below.

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HARMONIZATION OF THE DESCRIPTION OF FREIGHT COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES - FREIGHT COST CODE (FCC)

Note by the ECE secretariat

1. At its thirty-first session in March 1990, the ECE Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures adopted Recommendation No.23 "Harmonization of the description of freight costs and other charges" which includes a coding system referred to as the "Freight Cost Code (FCC)".

2. The Recommendation provides a naming system to be used for the establishment of harmonized descriptions of freight costs and other charges related to the international movement of goods. Further it specifies a code for the assignment of unambiguous coded representations of those descriptions.

3. Recommendation No.23, issued as document ECE/TRADE/170, is distributed for information with the present Note. Requests for additional copies may be addressed to the secretariat.

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Adoption by the Customs Co-operation Council of revised Recommendations on UN/EDIFACT and UNTDED

Note by the secretariat

1. At its seventy-fifth and seventy-sixth sessions in Istanbul in June 1990, the Customs Co-operation Council adopted revised Recommendations on the United Nations Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT) and on the United Nations Trade Data Elements Directory (UNTDED). Both revised Recommendations take into account the definition of UN/EDIFACT as adopted by the UN/ECE Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures in March 1990.

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL CONCERNING THE USE OF THE UN/EDIFACT RULES FOR ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE

(June 1990)*

THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

DESIRING to facilitate the international exchange of data between Customs administrations and between Customs administrations and trade users,

CONSIDERING that it is desirable that an internationally agreed and universally applicable set of rules for the structuring of such data should be used in the electronic data interchange,

NOTING that the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) has developed a comprehensive set of standards, directories and guidelines for use in electronic interchanges known as UN/EDIFACT (Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport) and defined in the Annex to this Recommendation,

AWARE that the UN/EDIFACT standards, directories and guidelines can be used independently of the application area and that their widespread use in international trade will greatly facilitate the movement of cargo,

NOTING that certain elements of the UN/EDIFACT rules are in the nature of standards which must be strictly adhered to for successful data interchange to occur (e.g. the EDIFACT Syntax Rules),

FURTHER NOTING that certain other elements of the UN/EDIFACT rules are in the nature of guidelines, use of which are highly recommended (e.g. message design guidelines),

RECOMMENDS that Members of the Council and all members of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies, and Customs or Economic Unions should apply the UN/EDIFACT rules as defined in the Annex to this Recommendation, and future updated versions of these rules for the preparation of electronic messages to be interchanged between Customs administrations and between Customs administrations and other trade users,

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* Note : This Recommendation supersedes the Council Recommendation of June 1988 concerning the EDIFACT Syntax rules.

REQUESTS Members of the Council and all members of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies, and Customs or Economic Unions which accept this Recommendation to notify the Secretary General of their acceptance, of the date from which they will apply the Recommendation, and of the conditions of its application. The Secretary General will transmit this information to the Customs administrations of all Members. He will also transmit it to any Customs administrations of non-Members or any Customs or Economic Unions which have accepted this Recommendation.

DEFINITION OF UN/EDIFACT

UN/EDIFACT : United Nations rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport. They comprise a set of internationally agreed standards, directories and guidelines for the electronic interchange of structured data, and in particular that related to trade in goods and services, between independent computerized information systems.

Recommended within the framework of the United Nations, the rules are approved and published by the UN/ECE in the United Nations Trade Data Interchange Directory (UNTDID) and are maintained under agreed procedures. UNTDID includes :

- the EDIFACT Syntax rules (ISO 9735);
- Message design guidelines;
- Syntax implementation guidelines;
- the EDIFACT Data Elements Directory, EDED (a subset of UNTDED);
- the EDIFACT Code List, EDCL;
- the EDIFACT composite data elements Directory, EDCD;
- the EDIFACT standard segments Directory, EDSD;
- The EDIFACT UNSMs Directory, EDMD;
- Uniform Rules of Conduct for the Interchange of Trade Data by Teletransmission (UNCID);
- Explanatory material, as appropriate.

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL CONCERNING THE USE OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRADE DATA ELEMENTS DIRECTORY (UNTDED)

(June 1990)*

THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

DESIRING to facilitate the international exchange of data between Customs administrations and between Customs administrations and trade users,

CONSIDERING that it is desirable that internationally agreed and universally applicable data element names, data element descriptions and character representations should be used in such trade data exchange,

CONSIDERING that it is desirable that the same names, descriptions and representations should be used for data elements irrespective of the context in which trade data is being exchanged (e.g. between exporter and carrier, exporter and importer, importer and Customs, etc.),

NOTING that these standard data elements can be used with any method of data interchange, on paper documents as well as with other means of data communication, can be selected for transmission one by one, or used within a particular system of interchange rules, e.g. UN/EDIFACT,

FURTHER NOTING that a subset of UNTDED constitutes the EDIFACT Data Elements Directory (EDED) also recommended by the Customs Co-operation Council specifically for use in electronic data interchange (EDI),

CONSIDERING that the Directory has been accepted by the International Standards Organization as an international standard, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9 of the Directory constituting International Standard ISO 7372,

RECOMMENDS that Members of the Council and all members of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies, and Customs or Economic Unions should use the data element names, descriptions and character representations contained in the United Nations Trade Data Elements Directory (UNTDED) and future updated versions of this Directory in trade data exchange between Customs administrations and between Customs administrations and other trade users,

* Note : This Recommendation supersedes the Council Recommendation of June 1988 concerning UNTDED.

REQUESTS Members of the Council and all members of the United Nations Organization or its specialized agencies, and Customs or Economic Unions which accept this Recommendation to notify the Secretary General of their acceptance, of the date from which they will apply the Recommendation, and of the conditions of its application. The Secretary General will transmit this information to the Customs administrations of all Members. He will also transmit it to any Customs administrations of non-Members or any Customs or Economic Unions which have accepted this Recommendation.

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